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ARGENTINA PROJECT (S200000044)

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Margaret P. Grafeld, Director

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1. DURING A PERIOD OF ROUGHLY 48 HOURS ON MARCH 20 AND 21, THERE WERE 25 POLITICAL MURDERS RECORDED IN VARIOUS PARTS OF ARGENTINA. THERE WERE APPROXIMATELY TWICE AS MANY VICTIMS OF RIGHT-WING TERRORISTS AS THERE WERE OF THE LEFT.

2. THE LARGEST SINGLE INCIDENT OCCURRED LATE FRIDAY WHEN 15 TERRORISTS (APPARENTLY FROM THE AAA) IN 8 FORD FALCONS SWEEPED THROUGH A B.A. SUBURB AND KIDNAPPED SEVERAL LEFTIST PERONIST YOUTH ACTIVISTS. ONE WOMAN WAS KILLED WHEN SHE TRIED TO PREVENT THE MEN FROM TAKING HER HUSBAND. HE AND SIX OTHERS WERE LATER FOUND DEAD. THEIR BODIES HAD BEEN DYNAMITED TO IMPEDE IDENTIFICATION.

3. FIVE PEOPLE WITH LEFTIST CONNECTIONS DIED IN THE RESORT TOWN OF MAR DEL PLATA FOLLOWING THE ASSASSINATION OF A RIGHT-WING PERONIST LAWYER BY THE MONTONEROS. THIS LATEST WAVE OF VIOLENCE BRINGS THE NUMBER OF POLITICALLY-MOTIVATED MURDERS TO OVER 100 SINCE

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THE FIRST OF THE YEAR.

4. THE GOA MEANWHILE CONTINUES ITS OPERATIONS AGAINST THE RECENTLY DISCOVERED "SUBVERSIVE PLOT" IN THE INDUSTRIAL ZONE ALONG THE PARANA RIVER WITHOUT MUCH RESULTS. THE DEADLINE GIVEN BY LABOR MIN OTERO TO THE WORKERS OCCUPYING THE ACINDAR STEEL PLANTS HAS PASSED AND THEY HAVE NOT VACATED THE TWO FACTORIES AS HE ORDERED (SEE REFTEL).
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